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SUBJECT: INCIDENT BETWEEN TEACHERS AND AUTHORITIES IN KAMPOT

REF: STATE 45020

1. REPORTS FROM A TEACHER AND BG HOU HANG SIN, BOTH OF WHOM WERE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND STRIKING TEACHERS IN KAMPOT, MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE REUTERS REPORT (REFTEL) GREATLY EXAGGERATES THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. THE TEACHERS CLAIM THAT TWO INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WERE KILLED, ONE BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND THE OTHER BY RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE ALLEGEDLY FROM FRIENDLY FORCES WITHIN THE CITY. HOU HANG SIN REPORTS ONE KILLED AND 3 WOUNDED, ALL AS A RESULT OF ENEMY RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE WHICH WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE CITY AT THE TIME OF CONFRONTATION.

2. THE INCIDENT APPARENTLY BEGAN ON MARCH 10 WHEN GOVERNOR OF KAMPOT UNG NHACH REFUSED TO ALLOW THE TEACHERS TO STRIKE BECAUSE OF " SECURITY REASONS". THE NEXT DAY WHEN RETURNING FROM A MILITARY OPERATION, THE GOVERNOR NOTICED ANTI- GOVERNMENT BANNERS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, DIRECTED HIS TROOPS TO SHOOT THEM DOWN AND ORDERED THOSE INSIDE THE SCHOOL TO DISPERSE. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE GOVERNOR MET WITH ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE STRIKING TEACHERS

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AND BECAME SO INFURATED THAT HE STRUCK THE TEACHER. IT WAS ALSO AT APPROXIMATELY THIS TIME THAT THE RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK

OCCURRED.

3. A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION COMPOSED OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR SAR HOR, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS LONG BOTTA, BRIGADIER GENERAL HOU HANG SIN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STRIKING TEACHERS IN PHNOM PENH INVESTIGATED THE INCIDENT ON MARCH 12. THE MIXED COMMITTEE OF STRIKING TEACHERS ORGANIZED AN " ASSEMBLY" ON MARCH 13 AT WHICH A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DISMISS UNG NHACH AND ACCUSING HIM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OF PREMEDITATED MURDER FOR HAVING DIRECTED RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE AGAINST THE CITY OF KAMPOT.

4. A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT BROADCAST OVER THE RADIO ON MARCH 13 REPORTED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN " ESPECIALLY TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR" TO USE FRIENDLY MEASURES TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE.
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